AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 13, lines 17–26 with the following:

As shown in FIG. 13, a mobile node 110c may be capable of communicating with more than one foreign agent 112a, 112b. In fact, in some implementations, a mobile node 110c ranks foreign agents 112a, 112b in physical communication and establishes a local binding with the highest ranking agent. Such ranking may be based, for example, on services offered by the agents, capacity, signal strength, and so forth. The mobile node ~~100e~~ 110c may periodically repeat the ranking process. This can enable the mobile node 110c and routers to adapt to changes in network conditions and the mobile node's locations.